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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph under the title NUCLEIC ACIDS COMPRISING A POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL REGULATORY ELEMENT (PRE) AND THEIR USES on page 1 as follows:

--This application is the U.S. national phase of PCT/US99/11082 under 35 U.S.C. §371,  
which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/086,487, filed May 22, 1998.--